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1. PRESIDENT GNAEGI TOLD ME TUESDAY EVENING (APRIL 13) THAT REPORT OF COMMISSION ON POSSIBLE UN MEMBERSHIP IS NOW BEFORE THE FEDERAL COUNCIL. IT HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING "ALL THE PROFESSIONALS."

2. GNAEGI HIMSELF IS STRONGLY OPPOSED. HE BELIEVES UN MEMBERSHIP WOULD UNDERMINE SWITZERLAND'S SOLIDARITY ROLE, MAKE IT HARDER TO REPRESENT INTERESTS FAIRLY, AND ENDANGER THE CONFIDENCE OF ALL PARTIES IN THE WORLD - WHICH IS SWITZERLAND'S GREAT INTERNATIONAL ASSET. MOREOVER, THE SWISS WOULD GRUMBLE ABOUT THE EXPENSE. GNAEGI WOULD NOT RELISH DEFENDING A FAVORABLE GOVERNMENT POSITION IN THE NECESSARY REFERENDUM, AND WOULD ANTICIPATE A GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

3. GNAEGI EXPRESSED HIS VIEW WITH CONSIDERABLE HEAT.

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